

## **Statement of Jim Irvin Commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission**

The addition of two elected commissioners to the Corporation Commission is another historic moment in Arizona state government and I am proud to be the senior member of the Commission during this momentous time.

I look forward to working with our new members and continuing the good works that Bill Mundell, Marc Spitzer and I have undertaken on behalf of Arizonans these past years.

There have been many accomplishments that the commission and ratepayers can point to, such as:

- ◆ Arizona being the only Western State to see a reduction of 7.5% in electrical rates over the past 6 years, while maintaining the reliability of the system by preventing utility caused blackouts.
- ◆ The Commissioners have shown their leadership by protecting Arizona's investors from fraudulent schemes and unscrupulous securities brokers.
- ◆ We led the fight to protect Arizona Consumer's private information when Qwest tried to unilaterally sell your information for marketing profit.
- ◆ We have begun the process of resolving the multitude of current and potential problems affecting small and medium size water companies. Additionally, we will continue to be vigilant in enforcing the "Safe Drinking Water Act".

But as our state continues to grow, the road we must all travel has many challenges that will be addressed by this commission and we will be diligent in our efforts with the mandate you have entrusted to us to protect you and your family's interests as ratepayers.

We know that the decisions we make today during our tenure as elected officials to the commission will have far reaching effects on all our families and we will do our very best to preserve and protect our tomorrows.